Drug addition in University Campuses

2708. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most of the University Campuses in the country drug addication is prevalent amongst the youth; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps are being taken by Government to save our young generation from this evil?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) No study has been conducted by this Department/University Grants Commission about the incidence of drug addiction in University campuses. However, the prevention of drug abuse has been receiving attention of the University Grants Commission. They have written to all the Vice Chancellors about the necessity for control and preventive measures against drug abuse and advised that steps be taken to create awareness amongst the students about the consequences of drug addiction. A number of universities have initiated steps in this direction. These include introduction of counselling and guidance with a focus on drug abuse control. The evil effects of drugs are explained to students by holding seminars, lectures, film shows, etc.

Non-evaluation of answer scripts by faculty members of I.I.Ts.

2709. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that faculty members of the different Indian Institutes of Technology have boycotted the evaluation of the answer sheets of the Entrance Test held recently for admission of students to these Institutes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to ensure that students do not suffer on this account?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c) Initially, the faculty members of IITs boycotted the evaluation of the answer sheets of the Entrance Test expressing dissatisfaction with revised pay scales. However, on appeal, the evaluation work was resumed. The results have since been announced.

Speedy disposal of cases in the department of women and child Development

2710. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have conducted a study regarding streamlining the procedures and delegation of authority for speedy disposal of cases dealt with by them and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether a study has also been conducted for reducing and simplifying reports and returns and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these recommendations have been implemented; and if so, what are the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No such study has been conducted. However, in accordance with the provisions of the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure, a review of